

The figure consists of two line graphs, (a) and (b), showing the percentage of respondents for different levels of agreement with the statement 'The government should do more to help the poor'.

Graph (a) shows the percentage of respondents for 'Strongly agree' and 'Disagree' across four categories: 'No more', 'A little more', 'A lot more', and 'Don't know'. The 'Strongly agree' line starts at approximately 10% for 'No more', rises to about 25% for 'A little more', peaks at about 45% for 'A lot more', and drops to about 15% for 'Don't know'. The 'Disagree' line starts at approximately 85% for 'No more', drops to about 75% for 'A little more', reaches a minimum of about 45% for 'A lot more', and rises to about 85% for 'Don't know'.

Graph (b) shows the percentage of respondents for 'Strongly agree' and 'Disagree' across four categories: 'No more', 'A little more', 'A lot more', and 'Don't know'. The 'Strongly agree' line starts at approximately 15% for 'No more', rises to about 30% for 'A little more', peaks at about 55% for 'A lot more', and drops to about 20% for 'Don't know'. The 'Disagree' line starts at approximately 85% for 'No more', drops to about 70% for 'A little more', reaches a minimum of about 45% for 'A lot more', and rises to about 80% for 'Don't know'.

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There are some of the funny things that make the American smile when he goes abroad. But they are not all. There are more funny things going on in this big world than ever its people dreamed of. But somehow they never get into books. The vast array of traveling authors and literary men who have traversed this immense sphere have overlooked some of its funniest customs and oddest notions.

Now, for instance, in Australia, a country that follows American customs very closely, the people have a great desire for American newspapers. Every steamer that arrives from this country brings its full quota of American journals, which are immediately put on sale. One day I was in Adelaide, South Australia, and I went into a store to buy the Sunday edition of a New York paper. The dealer took one, placed it on a scale, which he scanned very carefully, and then said "Eighteen pence!" (36 cents.)

"That costs about one-eighth as much in New York," I said.

"Cawn't 'elp that," answered the dealer. "These 'ere papers is massive. They contain lots of good paper and we got to sell 'em by weight."

"Have you any cheaper?" I asked.

"Yes," he said again. "I've got some cheaper. This one is only 10 pence. It weighs much less; it has no pictures, you see." And he picked up a Chicago Journal of a midweek date.

"But I want a New York Sunday news paper," I persisted.

"Well, those will cost you from 18 to 30 pence (36 to 60 cents) each, according to weight, but I can sell you a Kansas City Sunday paper for sixpence (12 cents) if you must have a cheap Sunday edition."

Then I found that the dealer would sell separate sections of a Sunday edition if the customer didn't want the whole, and while I was in his store three more came in and bought different parts of a journal, paying as much as 4 cents a section.

When you visit Naples, you want to go to a Neapolitan barber to enjoy one of the fast fading customs of the primeval age. If a Neapolitan barber came to the United States, he might find work chopping wood. If he followed his own vocation, he would be continually bothered with warrants for assault and battery. He asks his customer to sit in an ordinary chair and then, with the deft strokes of a man painting a fence by contract, lathers the customer with a glutinous substance the odor of which does not resemble that of the modest violet. He uses no brush, but a rag. He puts no towels on your coat, but lets the lather drip down to your shoe. You cannot lean back in the ordinary way, but must sit upright while the razor is being applied. The effect is ghastly. The chin strokes are accomplished in the same manner that a wharf laborer scrapes barnacles from underneath a dock. They never use any ray run or water, and turn you out into the high ways an object of pity. Any one who goes to Naples can get just such a shave in the best hotels or in the worst quarters.

In Paraguay it is considered "the real thing" to dine with the rich natives. All European and American tourists who reach that faraway South American country find a great fascination in being invited to a native's house. They never eat a meal without drinking a pint of water beforehand to prevent indigestion, and will they serve a visitor who does not do likewise. It is needless to add that Paraguay is full of indigestion, and the custom is continually kept up.

If Johannesburg, South Africa, ever goes out of the diamond and mining business it may become an important center for the manufacture of rubber out of meat. No one who has staid away from Johannesburg these many years knows what trouble is taken to cook meat until it loses all semblance of its original condition and becomes nothing more than hard, dark colored rubber. To the American who likes his daily steak rare this city is not worthy of its place in the geography. It is absolutely impossible to get beef cooked so that it can be eaten. Once a commercial traveler went into the best hotel there and said to the girl who attended his table, "I would like to have beefsteak, please, but tell the cook that I want it underdone, cooked blood red, very rare and not to be got." The girl went away with the order, but came back in great haste and told the traveling man that the cook said it wasn't healthy for him to eat meat cooked that way. The visitor offered to advance proof that he had been eating underdone meat for 48 years and had never suffered with anything beyond a longing to get back to the United States, but it would not "go." Persistent appeals finally brought forth the cook in person, who said that underdone steaks were against the rules of the hotel.

If ever it becomes necessary for a man journeying through Scotland to purchase a pair of shoes (they call them "boots" there) he will find that he has a day's work before him which could not be compensated by the wages of a bank president. Not only does he have to pay for the shoes, but he has to try them on, lace or button them up, take them off, try on another pair and go through all the work himself, while the clerk (English, "clerk") stands by and looks on. On a real good hot Scotch day the purchasing of a pair of shoes in such a city as Glasgow would almost drive one mad. The customer has to sit in an ordinary chair with a high, stiff back. There is no rest for the foot, nothing in the shape of accommodation whatsoever except a ready hand for the purchase money. One day I was tortured to the extent of purchasing a pair of shoes in Glasgow. As I was leaving the store I said to the "clerk": "Did you ever hear of the way we buy shoes in America? Well, there is a rest placed on the floor in front of the customer and on this rest the customer places his foot. Just back of this rest is a seat on which the clerk sits and fits the customer."

He leaned over and whispered in my ear: "That may do very well for America, but here our employers do not like to see us sitting down when we work." Who said that a Scotchman has no humor—New York Times.

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